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## Holley questions levee ownership

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

Alabama State Representative Jimmy Holley, in recent months, has been attempting to find out who owns the levee surrounding Elba, Alabama.

Does the City of Elba own it or does it belong to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers?

In a recent interview with Representative Holley, he stated, "Ownership of the levee is important to determine issues of safety regulations and maintenance and upkeep issues."

Holley's main concern is what can be done to make Elba safer and if possible, prevent the recurrence of the devastation caused by the March of 1990 flood.

According to present Elba mayor, Ricky Haywood, "there are no records concerning the ownership of the levee."

Upon a request from Rep. Holley, a search of the records in the Real Estate Division was made. They showed that the Mobile District Operations Division (Corps of Engineers) has inspected the Elba levee for a number of years and advised the city on its condition.

However, no record of any ownership interest, either fee or easement, exists in the Real Estate files.

According to Holley, other records were checked in an effort to determine who owns and is responsible for the upkeep of the levee, but they were unsuccessful also.

Bottom line, no one can provide records or information which clearly shows who owns the Elba levee that also, who is responsible for its maintenance.

In 1987, an agreement was signed between the City of Elba and the United States of America allowing the Corps of Engineers to assist in making emergency repairs to the Elba levee.

The agreement allowed for land, easements, and right-of-way necessary for the authorized work. The City was to share in the cost of the construction of the project.

The City also agreed to maintain and operate, in a manner satisfactory to the Corps, the Elba city levee, including the removal of any temporary works constructed by the Corps.

Rep. Holley was asked about the possible re-districting of the state and how it would affect his district, District 91.

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## Family chooses to be homeless

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

"Everyone born of the spirit is like the wind, you don't know from where they come or where they are going," said Michael Beniah last Saturday afternoon when asked where he was from.

The man, his pregnant wife and two small children were eating a free pizza at Pearl's Deli as they make their way hitchhiking to Texas and a visit with friends. They depend on churches and generous residents of the towns they pass through for food, shelter and transportation.

They both bill themselves as, "Homeless by Choice."

Both admit they are normally quiet and don't do a lot of vain talking. They are not part of any group. They dress in the garments they wear because they don't want to conform to what everyone else does.

They want to represent a Man who came, died and rose from the dead and his garments represent the time that he walked the earth.

In Elba the Christian Mission was supplying them with canned goods and the staff at Pearl's gave the parents a huge pizza. Each of the children consumed that all-time favorite, a hot dog. As they prepared to leave, Cheryl carefully boxed up the remaining pizza to take with them.

The devoutly religious couple were wearing capes similar to those Jesus and his disciples are pictured wearing. The children also wore capes over their regular clothing but removed them inside the warm building.

The 38 year old man ultimately admitted he was born in Connecticut and his parents still live there. He also admitted his birth certificate gave him a "real long, hard to spell" Polish name but he only uses Beniah unless he is signing "earthly" documents. Beniah was a man who served King David well, Michael explained. Both he and his wife Cheryl were raised in strict Roman Catholic homes, but left the religion of their families because neither felt they were being taught what Jesus lived.

They met in Washington D.C. during a massive religious gathering several years ago. She said the first words her husband spoke to her were with such sincerity, even though they were words from the bible, he spoke with authority and confidence and she was immediately attracted to him.

Michael was at the gathering, watching people wearing fancy



clothes talking about a man who died on the cross. She heard me speak about it, a man who slept on the ground and preached for free. I was from the heart.

Cheryl was in the military and working as a secretary in the chaplain office of the Pentagon when they met. She too was searching for something more than her church had offered. When they married he was 33 and she was 30.

They have been married for five years, have a four year old son Azariah Job, who will be four in April and a daughter Ruth Keurah, who will be two in May. Their third child is due in three months. They were not married in the Catholic Church and Michael says this caused both their families reject them.

Both children show remarkable manners and above the average intelligence. Azariah already follows his parents lead in quoting the bible. When asked where they would be spending the night he replied, "With God." Daughter Ruth bothers father and mother who are very quiet people. She is full of life and bouncing around wanting to play while the parents want her to sit quietly.

Michael said he was in the military and was a model soldier, having been named twice to serve on the honor guard. He was "Born Again" while stationed at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, AL.

Before being assigned to Maxwell, he was in South Korea where he first began questioning his thinking and that of those around him. He talked of seeing the actions of the camp followers and the beauty of a

young couple in love walking hand-in-hand with both fathers following quietly 30 feet behind.

Michael noted he had never smoked pot, not even in the '60's and '70's, "when everyone was doing it." Following all this, he was forced to look inward at himself, as well as at his outward actions.

"With our lips we honor Jesus, but with our hearts we are far from him," said Michael.

He said he had been preaching the gospel for seven years, speaking to individuals or in small assemblies across American and in Puerto Rico. Michael noted he was on that island for several weeks, warning them of the coming disaster. He and Cheryl had been back stateside for two weeks when Hurricane Hugo tore up the island. He admitted to having visions of other disasters before they happened also.

When asked how they were received by people, Michael said it was generally cordial. However in New Mexico he got into trouble at a dedication ceremonies for a new church building.

It seems the church leaders were commending the congregation for getting the nice building built without any mortgage debt. When one commended the followers for their monetary support of the church, Michael pronounced upon the reference to John stood up in his brown cloak and said five little words ... "And

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## Elba General Hospital adds surgeon to staff



DR. CLEVELAND, MD

Dr. Cleveland specializes in general surgery, laparoscopic surgery,

and GI endoscopy.

He and his family have resided in Dothan since July of 1991.

Dr. Cleveland and his wife, Florrie, have two children, Mary Katherine and McKay.

Dr. Cleveland's father, Dr. R. Doss Cleveland, was also a practicing physician. He practiced OB-GYN in Dothan from 1963 until 1983.

"Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home is continually striving to enhance its obligation to provide the very best in healthcare to the community," said Peterson. "The medical staff at EGH welcomes Dr. Cleveland as he joins us."

## Opp Jaycees Rattlesnake Rodeo scheduled to begin Saturday

The 34th Annual Opp Jaycees Rattlesnake Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 6 & 7, at Channel Lee Stadium in Opp, Alabama.

The Rodeo is a source of excitement for Opp, not only for the business it brings to area merchants, but because it generates thousands of dollars for the various charities the Opp Jaycees donate to each year, statewide and locally.

Part of the excitement this year involves the Ratlin' Country Concerts. The Jaycees feel fortunate hosting the major talent booked this time around.

Young Country, a favorite local band will provide music during the daytime festivities, and will be the opening act for both concerts.

The Gibson Miller Band of "Big Heart" and "High Rollin'" fame will appear at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 6th. This band, high on energy and low on frills, is making major headway on the country music scene, and promises to be an enormous success with the Saturday evening crowd.

On Sunday, the 7th, Lee Roy Parnell will hit the stage at 3:00 p.m. Parnell has been delighting fans for years with his ranging from "Aught to Be a Law" "The Rock", "What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am", "Love Without Mercy".

He's a talented artist, with an amazing voice, and the ability to make a guitar bend to his will. He comes across with flair that only Lee Roy Parnell can and is expected to put the spark into the Sunday afternoon performance.

The Opp Jaycees invite everyone to come join them at this year's 34th Annual Rattlesnake Rodeo. But be fore warned, be ready to have a good time, and be entertained the right way.

Tickets are \$5.00 advance and at the gate. The tickets will admit persons into the daytime festivities, as well as the concerts.

## TRASH PICK-UP ORDINANCE PASSED

## New Brockton ups sales tax 1/2¢

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

Since the New Brockton Town Council meets only once a month, the meeting sometimes gets lengthy as it did Monday evening.

After approving the payment of bills totaling \$15,000.17, the council moved through its meeting agenda smoothly.

The first two items of business on the council's agenda concerned money! Council members voted unanimously to increase the town's sales tax by 1/2¢.

Persons doing business in New Brockton will now pay 8¢ sales tax instead of the 7-1/2¢ presently being paid.

Council member Roseann Lewis was reluctant to vote for the increase but did so after being told that, in all probability, 8¢ is already being collected since a 1/2¢ (7-1/2¢) can't be collected.

The council also passed a trash pick-up ordinance which will include all residents within the police jurisdiction as well as the corporate city limits. Charges for the service will be \$2.00 for residential and \$5.00 for a business.

Lenwood Herron, with Southern Research Center, Inc., presented the council with the town's completely up-dated zoning map for their final approval.

Herron told council members that the map had been approved by Harris Cooper and Don Reed. These two men are with ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs).

Funds with which to up-date the town's zoning were obtained through a grant from ADECA. The council approved the map so that Herron's firm may obtain payment for their services. There was no cost to the Town of New Brockton for the map up-date.

The council also heard a report that the housing rehab project was proceeding as scheduled. There have been a few minor "glitches" but they have been corrected and the project is progressing as planned.

After some discussion, the council approved council member Jack Caradine's request for \$250.00 to purchase supplies for the concession stands at the town's ball park.

During the discussion, Caradine was told that \$2500.00 had been budgeted for recreation. Some council members voiced their opinion that no action was necessary - the money was already available to Caradine.

Caradine told council members that he needed the money to get things started for the up-coming softball, baseball, and baseball season.

Although the council approved Caradine's request, Mayor Kathryn Holley stated that she would check into the matter further. There was some concern as to whether the action taken by the council was necessary and/or legal.

After a brief discussion concerning the picking up of dead animals, the council voted on and approved the following: there will be a \$10.00 charge for picking up a dead animal on private property. Also, a signed release by the property owner will be required before the dead animal will be picked up. The person picking up the dead animal will receive \$3 of the \$10 charged.

The council took no action concerning the passing of a leash law to cope with the stray dog situation that exists in New Brockton. The matter is still under consideration.

Council member Lewis informed the council that the beautification committee has applied for a grant to obtain trees to be planted in the town's park.

The grant was prepared by committee members and hand delivered

to Montgomery. Notification as to whether or not the grant will be awarded should come during the month of March.

Lewis also told council members that plans are presently being made to build a gazebo for the park.

The council concluded the night's meeting by taking action concerning the police department.

On the recommendation of Councilman Charles Cole, police officer Harold Laird was hired permanently. J. W. Brown was hired on a 90-day probation period and Patrick Brooks, who was present working with the department on a 90-day probation period, was released.

Prior to taking action concerning the police officers, the council went into executive session so that council members could discuss freely the character and good name of the men involved.

Other action taken by the council was as follows:

\*\*\*Approved for the city clerk, Linda Dillow, to attend the April Court Clerk's and Magistrate's Mandatory Certification Seminar.

\*\*\*Approved Police Chief Charles Driggers request to attend a court seminar to be held in Montgomery.

\*\*\*Appointed Eugene Coleman to fill Doug Smith's unexpired term on the New Brockton Housing Authority Board.

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## Reduction in Medicaid will impact local hospital and nursing home

The 15% reduction of Medicaid reimbursement on April 1, 1993, for our local hospital and nursing home will have a devastating effect.

According to Ellen Peterson, Administrator of Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home, the healthcare facility's ability to provide adequate care for the elderly, ill, and convalescent will be greatly affected.

The hospital and nursing home will have no option but to eliminate anything which is not absolutely vital.

Presently, 85 of the 91 residents in the nursing home are Medicaid recipients. Medicaid payments to the

nursing homes are based solely on the cost of providing care to the Medicaid residents. Nursing homes receive nothing from Medicaid above the cost of delivering care.

Ms. Peterson said, "The services we are providing are necessary to a quality of life, and most are mandated either by state or federal law."

Under the law, we have no choice but to provide these services, and be reimbursed for them."

According to Peterson, the solution will not be an easy one. Local and state governments will need to become involved to provide the necessary funding.

## \* \* HAPPENINGS \* \*

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** The Elba Lions Club will hold its annual Lion Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 6, 1993, in the new Elba Senior Citizen's Building. Serving will begin at 6:00 a.m. and end at 10:00 a.m. The charge for all you can eat will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any Lion member or at the door.

**BOSTON BUTT SALE.** Members of the Elba Senior Squadron of the Civilian Patrol are now selling tickets for their annual Boston Butt fundraiser. The price of a ticket is \$15 donation. The pick up date is Saturday, March 6, 1993, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Senior Squadron's facility located at the Elba Airport on Larkin Road. Orders may be placed by contacting any Elba Squadron member or by calling 897-2088. Ask about limited delivery. Airplane rides will also be available for a \$5.00 donation on the above date.

**BENEFIT FUND ESTABLISHED.** A fund has been established at The Peoples Bank to help with the medical expenses of Pauline Qualls. Mrs. Qualls was seriously injured in a recent automobile accident. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the fund may do so at the bank.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

recount brittle was on the menu around here for several days last week. No one is sure why, but our long time friend Bernice Clay came waltzing in one day with a gift basket of the expertly made goodies. We waded in with glee. Hedly and I have always kind wanted to claim the Clay children as our own, having watched them from birth grow from bright well-mannered children to successful, productive adults. With those thoughts, last month we penned a note to one of the girls on the bottom of a subscription notice begging for family updates. Apparently she called mother, the one always too busy to chat, who began making amends in a perfect way ... that is with some good peanut brittle. We now know why people are always calling Bernice and wanting to buy the stuff for special occasions. Try it if you get a chance, you will like it also!

We asked Representative Jimmy Holley about all these redistributing plans being introduced in the Alabama legislature. Thinking the veteran lawmaker might have some insight on how the new districts would affect South Alabama, our eyes were frantically searching for a map to draw on. Forget it! Holley either has no idea which plan will prevail or he ain't talking. A snarl reminded him of our often repeated statement that Alabama waits for the federal courts to decide such matters and then everyone complies.

Your religion is your business. This is the foundation of religious freedom the American constitution holds so dear. However, the happenings near Waco, Texas during the weekend and lasting into this week go beyond religious freedom. When a group collects automatic weapons, etc. and kills law officers trying to carry out their legal duties, something is amiss. This isn't religion but a bunch of nuts using religion to hide behind. We heard one of the group on TV saying they were not doing anything ... which leaves the thinking person wondering just how those law enforcement officers were killed. With later news that the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York was also some "religious" statement!

President Clinton is still working hard to sell his "economic plan" to Americans all across the nation. This is the one with a lot of new taxes immediately and some promised tax cuts down the road. Every day the rosy picture fades more and more. First, there were some errors in his projected savings. Next, various lawmakers began to criticize particular cuts and tax increases. Now a bunch of bankers are shooting at his plan to help college students pay back their loans. Folks, the 100 day honeymoon ain't lasting 100 days!

Americans didn't get the economic package to the floor of the House nor the Senate before the health care industry is taking pop shots at Hillary Rodham Clinton and her plans to cure the financial ills related to high medical cost. The trial balloons coming from that office are so varied, it is hard to be sure which are fact and which are fiction. Concerned about the bad mouthing of drug companies, we asked a veteran druggist how this would affect the income of the home owned drug store. He said, "I don't know." That sounded so familiar! Apparently the pressure on drug companies will not directly impact on the local drug store owner. However, if pressure on insurance companies take a right turn, these insurance carriers could begin requiring contracts at pre-arranged prices for drugs. This would have an adverse impact on the bottom line of the independent druggist.

The Elba Lions Club members are sponsoring their annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday morning. Again this year it will be in the Senior Citizens Center, across from the police station. It is also right near the rescue squad but ... right handy for those of us who are prone to eat more than we should! These folks do good with their funds and the food is good, which means there is no excuse for anyone not supporting this community wide project. It is a win-win deal, both the public and the club benefit.

They almost had some real problems Saturday night at a dance held in the Elba National Guard Armory. A group had rented the building, hired a DJ and planned a happy time. All that ended however when some of the attendees began "over celebrating" or maybe just out-and-out fighting. There were law officers coming from every direction for a short while, but in the end all is well. We need to say a little prayer for that.

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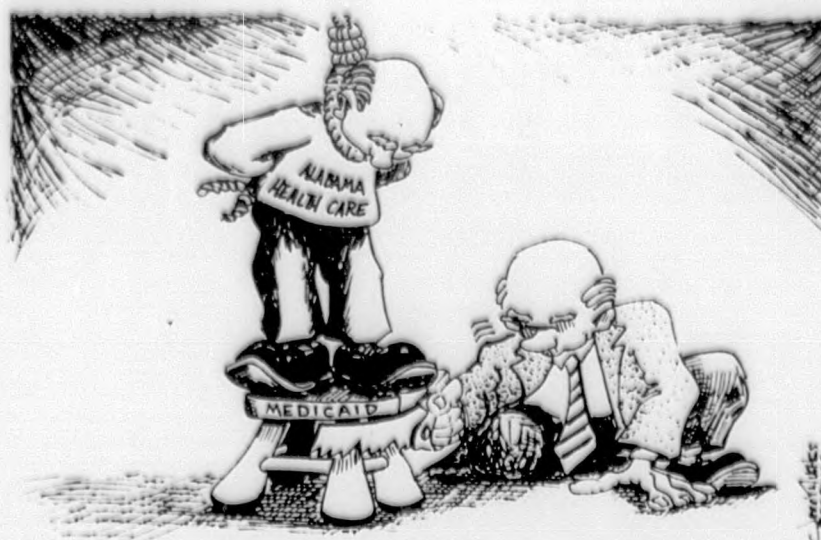
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## ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, February 23, 1993 investigated the following incidents: one criminal trespass, two thefts, three assaults, one public intoxication, and two criminal mischiefs.

No traffic citations were issued during the week.

The following arrests were made: one for assault, one for harassment, one for public intoxication, and one for disorderly conduct.

Daily activity for the week was as follows:

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23** - Rescue run to a residence in the Shiloh community (12:55 p.m.); Grass fire on AL Hwy. 87N (2:16 p.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24** - Rescue run to a residence on Plant Ave. (1:30 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Elm Ave. (7:57 p.m.); Shots reported fired in woods off Tessa St. (8:12 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25** - Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 209 (12:40 a.m.); Prowler reported on Hickman Ave. (3:08 a.m.); Fight on Washington Ave. (4:43 p.m.); Death reported in Mullins Apartments (9:37 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26** - House fire on Co. Rd. 58 (11:30 p.m.); Rescue run to house fire on Co. Rd. 58 (11:47 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27** - Alarm at Elba Elementary School (9:21 a.m.); Rescue run to residence in Kennedy Estates (1:47 p.m.); Fight reported in Morrow Village (6:13 p.m.).

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of February 23, 1993 through March 1, 1993.

They were: Pearl Taylor, Jessie Brady, Earl Kelley, Leslie Mickie, Foye Roberts, Ethel Abernethy, Randall Fowler, Maggie Brown, Wilkerson Davis, Elba Vaughan, Calvin Bodford, Eunice Nelson, Lewis Kelley, Bertis Johnson, Bessie Davis, Patricia Daniels, Carolyn Dean, Gerald Bowden, Vesta Griffin, Charlotte Blackman, Samuel McWaters, Jackie Hall, Evelyn Bryant, Rosa Coon, Jimmy Thigpen, and Lois Young.

Those discharged during the same period of time were: Ciji Blue, John Tyre, Tammy Tillis, Carolyn Wells, Beatrice Cain, Foye Roberts, Annie Rodgers, Jessie Brady, Earl Kelley, Randall Fowler, Ethel Abernethy, J. I. Crocker, Eunice Nelson, Ella Jean Vaughan, Calvin Bodford, Sandra Flowers, Evelyn Bryant, Maggie Brown, Patty Daniels, and Estelle Divine.

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**MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER**

In the Letters to the Editor column last week the letter about the warm hospitality of Elba and appreciation to the Athletic Club, the signature was crossed up.

The letter was written by Teresa Rhodes Rushing, 706 Burton Ave. Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547. We regret the error and any confusion the mistake might have caused.

## Bulletin Board

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ROTARY CLUB - Monday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.  
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Thurs. 8 a.m.  
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:00 p.m. - City Hall.  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. - Ranch House Restaurant.  
KWANANSAH CLUB - Each Thursday - Noon @ Home Folia Restaurant.  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Sup. Office.  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hill.  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues - 7 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building.  
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. - 6:00 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting).  
MAJOR'S LODGE 179 - 3rd Mon. of each month - 7 p.m.  
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room.  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon. Fri. 8-12 noon & 2:30-4:30. New Brockton C.C. Off. Complex 894-5858.  
COFFEE COUNTY COUNTESS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.  
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## OBITUARIES

### ANNIE LEE VAUGHAN

Annie Lee Vaughan, age 86 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, February 25, 1993 in an Elba, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 27, 1993 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Winston Jay officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Lula Stubbs of Samson, AL and Maude Phillips of Arion, AL; several nieces and nephews.

### JIMMY MONROE BELL

Jimmy Monroe Bell, age 57, of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, February 25, 1993.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, 1993 from the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, AL, with Rev. A. R. Williams officiating.

Burial followed in the Rocky Head Cemetery with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include his mother, Jessie Lee Bell; five children, Charlotte (Coleman) Seawright of Montgomery, AL, James Monroe (Norman) Bell of Kentucky, Kenneth Earl (Linda) Bell of Brewton, AL, Kim (Norman) Bell of Pensacola, FL, and Wesley Bell of the U. S. Army; two brothers, Charles (Amanda) Bell of Brewton, AL and Leonard Darrell (Doretha) Bell of Fort Hood, Texas; one sister, Gloria (James) Kyles of Elba, AL; a host of grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

### MARY ALICE JOHNSON

Mary Alice Johnson, age 70 of Elba, Alabama, passed away Wednesday, February 24, 1993 in an Elba, AL nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 26, 1993 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mike Medley and Rev. Gary Cook officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

### DICK HODGE

Dick Hodge, age 81 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, February 27, 1993 in an Enterprise, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 2, 1993 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mike Medley and Rev. Gary Cook officiating.

Burial followed in the Zoar Church Cemetery, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lee Hodge of Elba, AL; two daughters, Maylene Wilkerson of Livingston, AL; and several grandchildren.

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## Emily Crowe Is Crowned 1993 Junior Miss Elba Saturday, February 13th



**JR. MISS ELBA 1993...** Pictured above (left to right) are: 3rd runner-up, Kelli Tindol; 2nd runner-up, Heather Davis; 1993 Jr. Miss Elba, Emily Crowe; 1st runner-up, Destiny Brown, and 4th runner-up, Anna Stokes.



## Lisa Lindsey Of Elba Is 1st Runner-Up In Miss TSU Pageant

Troy State University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. announced today that Tiffany Jane McNeal was crowned Miss Troy State University.

McNeal is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNeal, Jr. She is a 20 year old junior from Marianna, Florida majoring in early childhood education. Her sorority Chi Omega sponsored her in the pageant.

McNeal did a song and dance number to Liza Minelli's "Steppin' Out." McNeal said she was actually shocked about her crowning, but felt wonderful about it. She expressed surprise because she had no idea that she was the new Miss TSU.

"I want to pursue my platform, youth to excellence, and speak to young children about it," said McNeal.

The 5'2" Miss TSU has light brown hair and blue eyes. She is a feature twirler for the Sound of the South Marching Band. She enjoys modeling, dancing and designing clothes.

McNeal is no stranger to pageants. She participated in many as a Marianna High School student. She was first runner-up in the 1990 Miss TSU Pageant. McNeal will be making her third appearance in the Miss Alabama Pageant.

Other finalists include first runner-up Lisa Jo Lindsey from Elba.

She is the daughter of Garth and Marie Lindsey. Second runner-up Leslie Anne Holley is from Dothan. She is the daughter of Craig Griffin and Roni Holley. Third runner-up Shelby Dean Weatherford is from Urah. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Weatherford. Fourth runner-up Katie Mount is from Andalusia. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Anne Mount.

Non-finalist talent winners were LeAnne Renee Bourne, Heather Marie Fulmer, Carina Darline Tillis, and Annika Denise Walker. Bourne and Fulmer both did vocal presentations, Tillis performed a monologue, and Walker performed a Lyric/Jazz dance.

The Miss TSU will represent her university at the Miss Alabama Pageant in Birmingham this July. The Miss Alabama Pageant is a preliminary to the Miss America Pageant held in Atlantic City, N. J. each September.

Only one Miss TSU has gone on to be Miss Alabama. Yolanda Fernandez was crowned Miss TSU in 1982 and went on to become Alabama's representative in the Miss America Pageant where she finished as third runner-up to the national title.

Amelia has an older brother, Aaron, 9, and an older sister, Ashley, 7, who was 1st runner-up in Little Miss Enterprise last year.

Crowning Amelia this year was Beth Sellers, daughter of Bill and Roylee Sellers.

Grandparents are Densby and Sylvia Lowery and Charlie and Jane Jones.

Amelia Rebecca Jones



**MISS ELBA 1993...** Pictured above (left to right) are: 1st runner-up, Holly Simson; 1993 Miss Elba, Danielle Tew; and 2nd runner-up, Indya Lawless.

## Danielle Tew Crowned 1993 Miss Elba In New Elba High School Auditorium

The 55th annual Miss Elba Pageant was held on Saturday night, February 13, at the Elba High School auditorium and crowned as the 1993 Junior-Miss Elba was Emily Crowe.

Emily is the daughter of Dale and Nancy Crowe of Elba, and will represent the City of Elba and the Elba Athletic Club in various civic and club activities throughout the coming year.

The first runner up in the pageant, which had 24 contestants was Destiny Brown, the daughter of Gary and Debbie Brown, while others in the Junior Miss court included second runner up, Heather Davis, the daughter of Neal and Kathy Davis; third runner up, Kelli Tindol, the daughter of Jackie and Susan Tindol, and fourth runner up, Anna Stokes, the daughter of David and Suzanne Stokes.

Other contestants named as finalists and named to the "Top 12" were Misty Kelley, Christina Cook, Melissa Benbow, Suzanne Simson, Mandy Taylor, Kerry Kelley, and Stacy Adkinson.

Category winners included: Judges' Interview - Suzanne Simson; Photogenic/Portfolio - Kerry Kelley; Casual Attire - Emily Crowe; and Evening Gown - Emily Crowe. Class Beauties named included Suzanne Simson - 7th grade; Christina Cook - 8th grade; and Emily Crowe - 9th grade. Named as Miss Congeniality was Anna Stokes.

The pageant is sponsored by the Elba Athletic Club.

## Book Fair To Be Held At Elba Elementary School March 8 - 12

The Elba Elementary School Library is sponsoring a Book Fair, to be held March 8-12. Everyone is invited to come and select from a wide variety of books at all reading levels, including award winning titles, classic favorites and the new books by popular authors. Children become better readers by reading more and the Book Fair is an excellent opportunity for parents, teachers and friends to share in the excitement of selecting and reading new books with children. Proceeds from the fair will go to the school's library program.

The pageant is sponsored by the David Simson and Jackie Simson, Elba Athletic Club.

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## Weight Lifting Contest Winners

On Saturday, February 13, four students from Elba High School competed at the Alabama State High School Powerlifting Competition in Eufaula, Bryce Phillips set a state record in the squat competition with 570 lbs. and Perry Stinson won his weight class in the best deadlift competition with 465 lbs. Other team members, Jamie Brockton and Kenya Adkins, competed in the squat, benchpress, and deadlift competitions as well.

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## Elba High SGA Welcomes District II

by Elena Strong, SGA Reporter

Welcome District II Student Councils, Young Alabamians Learning Leadership, was the opening welcome message which SGA participants heard on February 20, 1993, as the Elba High School Student Government Association hosted the District II Alabama Association of Student Councils meeting. All schools from Coffee, Butler, Dale, Pike, Barbour, Houston, Henry, Covington, Crenshaw, and Geneva Counties were invited to attend. Zion Chapel, Straughn, Geneva Middle and Enterprise attended bringing approximately 30 SGA members and advisors.

After registration, everyone assembled in the auditorium for the first general session. EHS SGA President, Laka Hammonds welcomed everyone and introduced EHS Principal, Mr. Charles Clark. He spoke briefly, welcoming the guest schools. Then Mr. Michael Bassett, the Highway Safety Coordinator of Driver and Traffic Safety Education was welcomed as our guest speaker. He spoke on behalf of the Governor's Youth Traffic



Michael Bassett

## VICA Club Has Cookout

by Tiffany Tew

How do you entertain a room full of hard working students? How else but with food! The VICA club held a cookout Tuesday, February 23, in the vocational department. Although Mr. Clark claimed the purpose of the meeting was for the members of the club to associate with each other, we know it was to honor our award winning welding and auto mechanic students. On February 4, an auto mechanic and welding skills contest was held in the vocational building at Elba High School. There were judges from local businesses at the contest. In the auto mechanic contest Phillip Compton came in first place and received a gold medal, a set of tools donated by Taylor Parts of Elba, and a \$20 gift certificate given by the auto mechanic department. Coming in second place was Phillip Adcock. Phillip received a silver medal and a \$20 gift certificate. Third place was Troy Dunn. He received a bronze medal and a \$20 gift certificate. Four contestants participated in the welding contest. Daniel Bowden won first place. He received a gold medal and a welding shield donated by Alabama Cylinder Gas. Second place was Frank Johnson. Frank received a silver medal and a leather sleeve donated by Alabama Cylinder Gas. Bobby Crawley won third place. He received a bronze medal and a pair of gloves donated by Alabama Cylinder Gas.

## Elba Math Students Come Out On Top

by Heather Stinson

Although most average students have no idea what the math terms "31" or "6" mean, Elba High students who do. Recently, at the LHW 24th Annual Math Tournament, Elba students received many honors. Not only did the four member math team receive second place overall out of six schools, but two of the team members did exceptionally well. Grant Coleman, a senior at EHS, scored the highest score of all students in the tournament. He was a senior at EHS, scored third overall in class AA. Over one hundred students competed in class AA. The schools in class AA were New Brockton, Geneva High, Goshen High, Lawren High, Pike County High, and Straughn High. Although Lawrence received the honor of first place, Elba was a very close second. Elba's math team came out on top. Overall, the Elba math students came out on top.

Safety Council, the National Student Safety Program and the AASC. He encouraged all schools to join, along with Elba, the National Student Safety Program. He gave out information on the National Student Safety Program Conference which will be held in Huntsville at the University of Alabama in July. Afterwards, the Elba SGA presented him with a gift. In order for everyone to meet new people, the group was then led into the commons area for several icebreakers and refreshments.

Since the theme of the meeting was "Crossroads into the Future", the large group was divided into four small groups called the North, South, East, and West groups. Skit-in such areas as organization, communication, team building, and conducting a meeting were discussed. EHS SGA officers were leaders for these different groups.

During the second general session, a member from each of the groups shared with everyone what he had learned in his session. A brief recap of the day was presented by Holly Stinson. She also encouraged all schools to become members of AASC and make plans to attend the State Conference in Gulf Shores in April. Next there was a drawing for T-shirts which had been donated by Martin's and Ross and Associates. Following this session, members were offered a tour of the school by Mr. Clark. The goal of the host school, Elba, was to provide for the guest schools new and motivational ideas which they could use in their organizations.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



by Tiffany Tew

**Andy Daugherty** - Andy is the 12 year old son of Pete and Pat Daugherty. He has played basketball for two years playing center and forward. He is on the seventh grade team. Andy is involved in the Jr. Beta Club and enjoys collecting baseball cards and playing basketball.

**LaDon Daniels** - LaDon is the 12 year old son of Donna Stokes and Steve Daniels. He has played basketball for two years playing forward and guard on the seventh grade team. LaDon attends Westside Baptist Church of Elba. He enjoys collecting baseball and basketball cards and playing basketball.

**Clint Cowen** - Clint is the 12 year old son of Sharon and Jeff Cowen. He has played basketball for two years playing forward this year on the seventh grade team. Clint attends the Westside Baptist Church of Elba. He enjoys playing all sports and fishing.

## JV Basketball

by Lance McCollough

The 92-93 Jr. High Basketball season brought a change to the program. The program consisted of three teams this year: seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. The seventh grade, coached by Gary Glass, only played four games and ended with a record of 1-3. The eighth grade team, coached by Brian Weeks, played fifteen games including the Coffee County Tournament. The team ended with a record of 10-5 and won the first place spot in the tournament. Rocco Coleman was selected as MVP for the ninth grade. Congratulations to all the players for their hard work and dedication.

## Students Hear Guest Speaker

On Monday, February 22, Mr. Bill Hall, Production Control Manager for Dorsey's, Inc., spoke to Mr. Stokes' Computer Applications class. The department that Mr. Hall manages at this local plant uses computers extensively to keep inventories at the right levels so that the trailers can be built on time and at a profit. Mr. Hall illustrated to the class how computers are used to save time and increase productivity in his department. Various types of computer generated output from trailer design to projected man-hour charts were illustrated and explained. Mr. Hall stressed the importance of computer literacy to today's high school graduates in their search for good careers.

Our local Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter salutes Mr. Hall, Production Control Manager for Dorsey's, Inc., who has contributed to our education process by giving them time and expertise.

## Mu Alpha Theta Party

by Laura Hall

On February 12, 1993, Mu Alpha Theta club celebrated Valentine's Day. The club had a party at break in the Commons Area. Each member of the project committee was assigned to bring a certain food. Many foods were enjoyed, especially lots of Valentine candy. Mrs. Sue Adkins, sponsor, thanked everyone for bringing the food and attending the party.

## FFA Holds Blood Drive



by Lance McCollough

The Elba FFA and local Red Cross Chapter would like to thank Girl Scout Troop #300 for serving refreshments and also everyone who donated blood. The Red Cross had fifty-one people come to give blood, but were only able to collect thirty-nine pints. Some had to be turned away for various reasons. Once again, we would like to thank everyone who participated.

## EHS Enrollment Down From Last Year

by Laura Hall

In the fall of 1992, Elba High School was expected to have more students to enroll because of a new school building. The enrollment of students in the 1992-93 school year is down from the 546 students enrolled in 1991-92. The high school presently has 535 students enrolled as of February 17, 1993. Twenty-four students have enrolled and 70 students have withdrawn since the 1992-93 school year began. The enrollment is lower than was expected for this year.

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Wednesday - Spaghetti, Rib-B-Cue Sandwich, Cole Slaw, English Peas, Peach Slices, Fresh Apple, Banana Pudding, Roll, Milk.  
Thursday - Taco Salad, Hotdog, Corn Nuggets, Baked Beans, Choice Of Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk.  
Friday - Salisbury Steak, Fried Chicken, Stewed Potatoes, Broccoli W/Cheese Sauce, Choice Of Fruit, Rolls, Milk, Vanilla Pudding.

## Jackson & Jackson Winners In Cutest Baby Contest

by Dawn Nelson

Mrs. Dale Jackson was recently named the cutest baby by the majority of Zion Chapel High School students paying \$10 to vote in the Cutest Baby Contest. The contest was sponsored by the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

Each teacher in high school was asked to participate in the contest. All they had to do was give a picture of themselves as babies to Mrs. Rachel Bryan, FBLA sponsor. Then the students voted on who they thought was the cutest baby.

The student also tried to see if they could guess who each baby was. The pictures were put on a board with a number under the picture. A student could try to guess as many as they could. The one that had the most guesses right was the winner. Randy Jackson was the winner of this contest. He named all the babies right.

Mrs. Gale Jackson and Randy Jackson each got a big sucker for winning.

## Who's Who



Pictured above are (first row) Beverly Flowers, Nicki Pilcher, Felicity Littlefield, Billie Jo Sanders, and Kecia Griffin; (second row) Chris Hodge, Tisha Woods, and Bradley Flowers; (third row) Toby Wambles and Michael Parker.

by Felicity Littlefield

Seventeen students were chosen to be a part of the annual Who's Who that is published each year in Zion Chapel's yearbook, THE REBEL. Students were nominated by their peers in the first round of the Area Tournament. The Rebels fought hard to not score the Bears but could not manage to get enough points and the final buzzer sounded with Coffee Springs having scored 39 points and the Rebels only 21.

Early in the game the Rebels had high hopes as Lisa Hodges scored the first 2 points for the Rebels. Later in the quarter Ken Moran put four more points on the score board and Nicki Pilcher added 2. The Rebels led late in the first quarter 8-6, but the Bears came back as the quarter ended with the Bears ahead 9-8.

The second quarter did not look as good as the Rebels had hoped for. The Bears scored only 2 points. Ken Moran put these two on the board. Meanwhile, the Coffee Springs Bears upped their score by adding 17 points. The first half ended with the Bears leading 26-10.

During the third quarter the Lady Rebels could not manage to get enough points to get them ahead but they did manage to tie the Bears with their defense. The Rebels only scored 6 points. Again it was Ken Moran who put the points on the board.

During the fourth quarter the Rebels never gave up even though they were behind 21 points. Instead, they managed to hustle while Courtney Moran scored 2 points and Cindy Langley scored 3 points. Due to the Rebels' defense the Bears could score only 2 more points. The final score was Coffee Springs 39, Zion Chapel 21.

The Rebels looked good throughout the entire game and they definitely outplayed the Bears on defense. The offense for the Rebels was also good but the team is still young and still has many skills to acquire. They may not show a winning record but they do show a team with a lot of potential. The team will only be losing one player this year so next year may play a little better for them. The team should be more experienced and will have more time to acquire helpful skills for next year.

The Lady Rebels were coached by Coach Doug Brunson and Coach Lori McCorty. The statistician was Kecia Griffin.

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## TSU Intern at Zion Chapel

Mrs. Debra Arrington, a native of Union Springs, Alabama, is doing her internship in Business Education under the supervision of Mrs. Rachel Bryan. The Union Springs native is married to Brad Arrington, also of Union Springs.

While attending Bullock Memorial High School, Mrs. Arrington was a cheerleader, a tennis player, and a statistician for the football team. Mrs. Arrington was also on the newspaper and yearbook staff. The business courses offered to her while in high school were accounting, typing, and shorthand.

"I have wanted to be a teacher since I was in the second grade. I give credit to my high school teacher for this. I have always looked up to her and hoped I could also help students some day," said Mrs. Arrington.

When Mrs. Arrington started Troy State she declared a major in office systems. Later she decided to change her major to education. She will graduate in June.

While attending school at Troy State Mrs. Arrington has worked in several areas. She was employed as a jewelry store clerk in her home town and as a part-time secretary for an attorney. She worked on campus as a tutor for Special Services under the supervision of Mrs. Carol Kimbrough. Another campus job

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## CO-OP SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above are Jeffrey Jones and Josh Prescott.

In the job spotlight this week are Stephanie Brooks, Jeffrey Jones, and Josh Prescott, who work at Hardee's in Elba. Stephanie is in the eleventh grade and is the daughter of Johnny and Sheila Brooks. She said, "I have been working at Hardee's for about eight months now. I am a cashier. I have all the duties of a cashier and some additional duties, too. I really enjoy working at Hardee's. It has helped me become more responsible and has taught me how to get to a place on time. I have met many new and 'special' friends through Hardee's. I hope I can continue working at Hardee's until I graduate from high school in 1994."

Jeffrey is in the twelfth grade and is the son of Steve and Gail Williams. He said, "I began working at Hardee's the first of February. My first week I was trained to run the cash register and to count change. My duties are running the register, getting orders ready for the customers or bagging orders for customers and making sure more fries are cooked when the supply is getting low. There are certain jobs that must be done before I can leave when my shift is over. It is the easiest job I have ever had."

Josh is in the tenth grade and is the son of Eddie and Jan Prescott. He said, "I am a cashier and I enjoy the work that I do." All efforts to get Josh to say more failed. His duties as cashier are similar to those of Jeffrey.

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

The most money in the junior high division was the seventh grade. These students were given a party as a reward for their hard work. The club expects a profit of approximately \$600 after all the money has been collected.



Pictured above are (first row) Kecia Griffin, Bridget Greenwood, Angie Jirritig, Angie Ellis and (second row) Kim Jennings, Sonya Simmons, and Amanda Ellis.

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## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Two summers ago I took my family to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to meet my grandmother. I hadn't seen "Grandma" in over twenty years, and my wife and kids had never had the chance to meet the special little lady. So, we packed up the car and headed north. Kathy and the kids had a hard time understanding her Polish-American accent, but before we left they all loved her as much as I did, and understood why she was so special. Back in January, we made a video tape of our house and family for her to watch on her 100th birthday. All of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great children also sent in their own video tapes, giving Grandma a chance to see all her family at the same time. Early Sunday morning Grandma passed away and she is now in heaven, a place she had wanted to be for many years. We'll never get to see her again or share her love, but at least my wife and kids got the chance to meet this special little lady and will always remember her, as will I.

### ELBA TIGERS MAKE IT TO SUB-STATE FINALS

The Elba Tigers made it look easy in the Area 4 tournament two weeks ago, and made it look even easier last week as they clobbered the Slocomb Red Tops in the opening round of sub-state action. The Tigers scored the first seven points of the game to grab a quick lead, and were never threatened as they pounded the talented Red Tops into submission. The Tigers didn't really play all that well in the win, despite the lopsided score, and committed 20 turnovers, many of which were enforced. The win was so easy, the Tigers simply put it in cruise in the first quarter and enjoyed the game as if it was nothing more than an intrasquad game in practice.

One bright spot in the win was the shooting of Alex Magwood and David Yelverton. The two team leaders combined for 40 points and hit on 17 of 22 shots in the game, including a trio of three-pointers, a shot that was almost non-existent for much of the season. The time off since the end of the regular season has done Elba a great deal of good, and the practice done shooting is obvious. Playing four games a week may have been good, in a way, but the extra time spent in recent weeks in the gym has been just what the coach ordered.

The second round game was set for Tuesday at Francis Marion (the schedule makers have no sense of timing as far as weekly papers are concerned) and the Tigers went into the game as big underdogs. However, you can bet that the Tigers will be as well prepared as possible and Coach Lane will have the players ready for the challenge.

### BRANTLEY ONLY SURVIVOR IN SUB-STATE

The sub-state tournament began last week across the state and it also marked the end of the season for teams in the coverage area, with the exception of the Brantley Bulldogs. Here's a quick look back at round one. \*\*\*BRANTLEY opened with Arton and painted the Purple Cats blue as they cruised to an easy win. The Bulldogs have size, quickness, outside shooting and inside shooting, a combination that I believe will carry the Bulldogs all the way to the 1A state championship.

\*\*\*NEW BROCKTON was expected to challenge the highly-ranked Samson Tigers, but fell apart late and got drilled by twenty-points. The Gamecocks had a lot of talent this season and an 18-8 record is nothing to sneeze at, but it was a season filled with off the court distractions, and one that the folks over in Brockton will probably be glad to leave.

### 10 AND UNDER ALL-STARS ARE STATE ROUND

The Elba "10 and Under" All-Stars competed in the District 8 A.R.P.A. Basketball Tournament over the weekend in Eufaula and dominated three very good opponents to win the district title and the right to represent the district in the State Tournament, to be held in Childersburg. The All-Stars were expected to have a good team and I felt like it would take a mighty good team to beat them, but I would have called it wishful thinking to believe that they would win the 12-team tournament. After winning the tournament, I guess the All-Stars were as good as we thought, especially since the people up in Eufaula called the team "The best we've seen."

Geneva and Eufaula were the pre-tournament favorites, and Elba whipped both teams in making their way to the finals. Geneva had a six-footer inside and was supposed to dominate near the boards, however, Lusher Lane scored 23 points and Jep Dubose added 11, and the duo got the Geneva big man in early foul trouble and led the way to the lopsided Elba win.

Eufaula was as good as expected, and the final margin of victory (six points) was the biggest spread of the game. Lusher Lane was the man for Elba as he scored 33 of the team's 44 points, while Jep Dubose tossed in 7. The All-Stars win over the host team was impressive, to say the least, and made the locals the favorites.

The championship game was simply a display of how basketball should be played as the All-Stars took command early and poured it on to post the 20-point win. Lane scored 38 points and Dubose added 12 to lead Elba, and the win was the best ever for any of the Elba teams at district. While Lane and Dubose did score 124 of Elba's 140 points, it was a team effort and every single player on the team helped the All-Stars advance. The players all gave it everything they had on both ends of the court and it was a championship that can be shared by the players and coaches alike.

### IT'S A BUSY TIME FOR ATHLETES AT ELBA HIGH

There is always plenty to do when you're in school, but the pace at Elba runs high borders on being hectic! The basketball team is getting ready for a run at the state tournament, the baseball team is working hard every day getting ready for next week's season opener, the softball team is working towards its opener and the football players not playing another sport are getting in the weight room. Can you imagine what it would be like if Coach Wood had not backed spring training up to late April?

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# Sports

## Elba cools off Red Tops 77-56 in sub-state action

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 7-0 lead and never looked back last Thursday night as they clobbered the Slocomb Red Tops 77-56, in the opening round of 3A sub-state action.

The win upped the Tigers record to 17-4, while Slocomb saw its season end with a 13-11 record.

### SUB-STATE ACTION

Following are highlights of the opening round of sub-state action involving area teams:

CLASS 6A  
Dothan 85 Foley 57  
Enterprise 69 Baldwin County 67  
CLASS 5A  
Andalusia 34 Monroe County 32  
Southside 74 Eufaula 71  
Wilcox Central 81 Hillcrest 71  
CLASS 4A  
Abbeville 92 Daleville 86  
Bullock County 58 Headland 54  
CLASS 3A  
Elba 77 Slocomb 56  
Luverne 88 Houston County 68  
Sou. Chocoma 71 Eutaw 65  
CLASS 2A  
Tr. Marion 92 Washington Co. 86  
CLASS 1A  
Samson 64 New Brockton 44  
J.F. Shields 91 Linden 65  
Georgiana 54 Wicksburg 42  
Trinity 86 Goshen 77  
CLASS 1A  
Brantley 86 Arton 39  
Houston Ac. 60 Red Level 55

Following are sub-state finals of local interest, which were scheduled to be played on Tuesday night:

CLASS 1A  
Brantley at Millry  
Houston Ac. at Lerico City  
CLASS 2A  
Georgiana at Lerico City  
CLASS 3A  
Luverne at Sou. Chocoma  
Elba at Francis Marion  
CLASS 4A  
Bullock County at Grand Bay  
Abbeville at Calhoun  
CLASS 5A  
Andalusia at Escambia County  
CLASS 6A  
Enterprise at McGill-Toolen  
Dothan at LeFlore

## Elba Parks and Recreation RECREATION ROUNDUP

### YOUTH BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now conducting baseball registration for boys ages 5-18. Leagues to be organized include Slo-Pitch Baseball (5-8), Dixie Minor Baseball (9-10), Dixie Youth Baseball (11-12), Babe Ruth Baseball (13-15) and Senior Babe Ruth Baseball (16-18). The cutoff date is August 1, 1993, and a players age on that date will determine the league in which the player is placed.

A \$10 per person (\$20 per family) activity fee is charged for all leagues and will be due at the team's first practice.

Forms were passed out at the Elba Elementary School, Kinston Elementary School and Zion Chapel Elementary School, as well as at Elba High School, Kinston High School and Zion Chapel High School.

The deadline to register is March 13, 1993, and additional forms are available at City Hall in Elba.

### YOUTH SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now conducting registration for youth softball for girls ages 5-16. Leagues to be organized include Slo-Pitch Softball (5-8), Midget Girls Softball (9-10), Junior Girls Softball (11-12) and Advanced Girls Softball (13-16). The cutoff date is September 1, 1993, and a players age on that date will determine the league in which the player is placed.

A \$10 per person (\$20 per family) activity fee is charged for all leagues and will be due at the team's first practice.

Forms have been passed out Elba Elementary School and Elba High School, as well as at all county schools. The deadline to register is March 13, 1993, and additional forms are available at City Hall, in Elba.

### MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will hold an organizational meeting for the 1993 Men's Softball League on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00, at City Hall. The entry fee to enter a team in the league will be \$200 per team, which will include ASA sanctioning, and all teams will hit their own ASA approved softball during the regular season. Anyone wishing to enter a team in the league must have a representative present at this meeting.

### CO-ED CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will hold an organizational meeting for the 1993 Co-Ed Church Softball League on Tuesday, March 9, 1993, at 7:30, at City Hall. The entry fee to enter a team in the league will be \$100 and all team rosters must be signed by the church pastor. Anyone wishing to enter a team in the league must have a representative present at this meeting.

David Yelverton nailed a long three-pointer to give the Tigers a quick 3-0 lead, then Alex Magwood hit a short jumper and Dion Belcher hit a basket inside as Elba moved on top 7-0 less than a minute into the contest.

The Tigers increased their lead to 12-2 midway through the stanza and by the end of the quarter were still in complete command with a 19-9 lead.

Slocomb began to find the range in the second quarter and made a brief run at the Tigers; however, Elba easily regained command and by the end of the half was on top 38-24.

Elba came out running in the third quarter and behind the play of Alex Magwood and Will Magwood threatened to run away and hide as the Tigers moved out to a lopsided 63-41 advantage.

The pace slowed down in the final stanza as Elba emptied its bench, but it made no difference as the Tigers held on for the easy 77-56 win.

Alex Magwood scored 21 points to spark the Tigers, while David Yelverton added 19. Tommy Apelin scored 32 points for Slocomb.

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Elba (77): Yelverton 19, Belcher 6, W. Magwood 9, A. Magwood 21, Donaldson 9, Smith 5, Coleman 2, Vaughan 2, Jones 4.  
Slocomb (56): Harris 2, Craig 10, Apelin 32, Huff 6, Peoples 4, Loving 2.

Elba's Dion Belcher (24) shoots over a defender during recent Tiger action. The Tigers ripped Slocomb 77-56 last week to advance to the 3A sub-state finals for the second time in the past three years.

## New Brockton exits early in sub-state play

The New Brockton Gamecocks made an early exit from 2A sub-state competition Thursday night as they fell to the Samson Tigers 64-44, in New Brockton.

The loss left the Gamecocks with a final record of 18-8, while Samson advanced to second round action with a 25-3 slate.

The two rivals swapped buckets through out the first half and the third-ranked Tigers were able to take only a slim 27-24 lead in at the half.

The Gamecocks continued to battle Samson on even terms in the

third quarter and was within striking distance at 40-37 with 7:18 left in the game. Samson went on a 9-3 run midway through the fourth quarter to go on top 49-40, and then scored six quick points to take a 55-40 lead and put the win in the bag.

Adrian Flowers scored 14 points to lead New Brockton, while Rodney Hornsby scored 21 for Samson and J.J. Cade added 12.

## Warriors & Eagles post youth wins

The Warriors and Eagles rolled to impressive wins last week in the New Brockton Youth Basketball League.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

WARRIORS 53 BEARS 28

The Warriors led all the way to rip the Bears 53-28.

Scoring for the Warriors were Aaron Burns 17, Danny O'Toole 13, Charlie Driggers 11, Jason Caradine 5, Ashley Green 5 and Macky McCormick 2.

## Autographed footballs still available

A limited number of custom designed "State Championship" footballs, autographed by all the members of the Elba Tiger football team and cheerleading squad, are still available for order.

The footballs were custom designed by HUTCH, the official football maker for NFL autographed footballs, and include four-color artwork and the scores of all regular season and playoff games.

The footballs sell for \$100 and all proceeds will go towards helping pay for the players and cheerleaders championship rings.

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## Elba "10 and Under" All-Stars win District 8 ARPA Youth Basketball Tournament

The Elba "10 and Under" All-Stars swept past three challengers without a loss Saturday in Eufaula to win the A.R.P.A. District 8 Basketball Championship.

The win advances the All-Stars to the State Alabama Recreation and Parks Association Tournament, set for March 12-13, in Childersburg.

"We felt all season like we had the players that could possibly win the district tournament," stated Elba Recreation Director Ricky Mularz, "and Saturday up in Eufaula they proved us right."

Lamont Head and Terry Burks did a superb job getting the players ready for the tourney, added Mularz, "and even though we were in a very tough bracket, the coaches and players never let the pressure get to them and the result was the championship and a trip to the state tournament."



Participants in the coon hunt that is now a video movie included (standing, l-r) Daniel Baugh, Ed Hinson, Gerald Baugh and Glenn Hubbard. (Front row, l-r) Scott White and Michael Hinson.

## Coon hunting trip becomes outdoors video and movie

It's not every night that you can round up an Atlanta Braves superstar, an ABC affiliated outdoor television host and producer, along with a couple of "top notch" south Alabama coon guides.

It was the idea of "The Great Southern Outdoors" executive producer, R. Scott White, along with the help from avid coon hunter Ed Hinson, both from south Alabama, to film a coon hunting video, and a program, in which a complaint was phoned into Scott, involving area coons tearing into an area chicken pen, devastating both fertilized and edible chicken eggs. After White heard this, and then found someone to eat the coons, we agreed to film.

"A lot of hunters go out to just kill something. I always have to know a reason why and then know that me or a friend can eat well from the kill," stated White.

White called his long time friend Atlanta Braves superstar, Glenn Hubbard and asked him to come along on the hunt. Hubbard accepted the invitation and managed to squeeze in time from filming video, and despite the problems, the hunters are already planning a return to the "Coon Woods."

Another plus that came out of the hunt was that White cleared the rights to use Clint Eastwood's music "from the movie 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly' to be used in the background during the hunt itself.

"Clint is a mutual friend of mine," said White, "and I hope to get him to Elba this summer."

"My agents have requested that we sell the movie for \$49.95," added White, "but I immediately disagreed, especially for the people in the Elba-Enterprise-Opp and Dothan areas. My family is from the Elba area and I love the area dearly. I just wouldn't go along with taking advantage of my fellow area citizens by putting a \$50 price tag for the forty-minute movie, even though it is one of my best."

White announced that the movie will be sold to area residents for \$20, plus \$2 handling to:

"I was devastated when the flood hit Elba nearly three years ago and was in town filming a national fishing show, and was the first and only source of film for national news networks," White stated. "I will donate a portion of each video sold to the City of Elba, to help with unfinished flood business, and will also send along a free signed baseball card from Glenn Hubbard."

The producers added that while the film was done in good taste, if the sight of coons being taken might offend someone, it should not be ordered.

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Elba "10 and Under" All-Stars win District 8 ARPA Youth Basketball Tournament. The All-Stars swept past three challengers without a loss Saturday in Eufaula to win the A.R.P.A. District 8 Basketball Championship.

"We've been playing in the Parks and Recreation league for many, many years," said Mularz, "and we finished second a couple of years ago, but this is the first time we have won the title, and it really is exciting for the players, coaches, parents and everyone involved in recreation."

Following are highlights of the three wins:

ELBA 38 GENEVA 21  
Elba pulled away in the second half to bury Geneva 38-21, in opening round action.

The All-Stars got off to a slow start and were tied at 4-4 after one quarter, but began to take control in the second stanza and pulled out to a 13-10 lead at the half.

Elba began to dominate action in the third quarter as it extended its lead to 29-27 in the third quarter; however, the All-Stars regained command in the final stanza and hit seven free-throws down the stretch to claim the win.

Lusher Lane poured in 33 points to lead Elba, while Jep Dubose added 7, Jerry Dubose 3 and Derrick Duncan 1. Clements scored 17 for Eufaula.

ELBA 44 EUPAULA 38  
Elba pulled ahead early and survived a late Eufaula rally to post an exciting 44-38 win, in semifinal action.

Elba owned a slim 9-8 lead after one quarter of play, but began to take charge in the second quarter and went in at the half with a 20-15 advantage.

Eufaula rallied to cut the Elba lead to 29-27 in the third quarter; however, the All-Stars regained command in the final stanza and hit seven free-throws down the stretch to claim the win.

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ELBA 58 GREENVILLE 38

The Elba All-Stars showed everyone in attendance what a championship team looks like as they clobbered Greenville 58-38, in the championship game.

Elba came out red-hot and put the game almost out of reach in the opening stanza by grabbing a big 16-6 advantage, then continued its assault in the second stanza and by the end of the half was in command with a whopping 30-15 lead.

The All-Stars slowed down a little in the third quarter, but still managed to increase its lead to 40-21, and then picked up the pace in the final stanza and rolled to the lopsided win.

Lusher Lane scored 38 points to lead Elba, while Jep Dubose added 12, Derrick Duncan 4, Jerry Dubose 3 and Brandon Salter 1. Antonio Cany led Greenville with 15 points.

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## NBTC

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\*\*\*Appointed council members Roseann Lewis and John Marler to serve on the Senior Citizen Center Advisory Board.

\*\*\*Reaffirmation Committee announced that a city-wide Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 10, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The event will take place in the town park adjacent to the town hall.

\*\*\*Voted to renew the contract with Coleman & Associates. The firm assists the town in collecting delinquent license fees from insurance companies conducting businesses within the city limits.

## JOHN

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John preached for free. He admitted the reception for him in that community was hostile from then on.

Michael voiced opinions that churches should tear down the walls and preach as Jesus did because everyone knows Jesus taught unity. Instead he claims they are businesses using the words of Jesus to compete with each other for followers and money.



Chemical People Task Force is a county agency which supports drug/alcohol educational programs for fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. Chem/Task is a United Way Agency and serves Coffee County. This agency consists of a board of directors who volunteers their time and efforts to make this program successful. Some of the activities sponsored are STRATE, McGruff the Crime Dog, and Parenting classes. Becky Brock Brand is the program coordinator. If you need any help on information, her number is 393-6306. Pictured above with Becky Brand is Janice Clark's class at Elba Elementary School and Harriette Boyd, school counselor.



## Interviews Scheduled For Career Training Program At ESJC March 8-19

Interviews for the Enterprise State Junior College Career Training Program for Women have been scheduled for March 8-19. The Continuing Education Office is now scheduling appointments for interviews. The program begins April 5 and includes six weeks of seminars and workshops designed for adult women interested in returning to school or in entering or re-entering the work force. The program will offer women the opportunity to explore their goals and values as these relate to career and educational choices. Time will be spent examining current trends in the job market, training opportunities, and study skills for returning or first-time college students. The program will conclude with a discussion of job search techniques. For more information or to schedule an interview call the Continuing Education Office at 393-ESJC, ext. 218.



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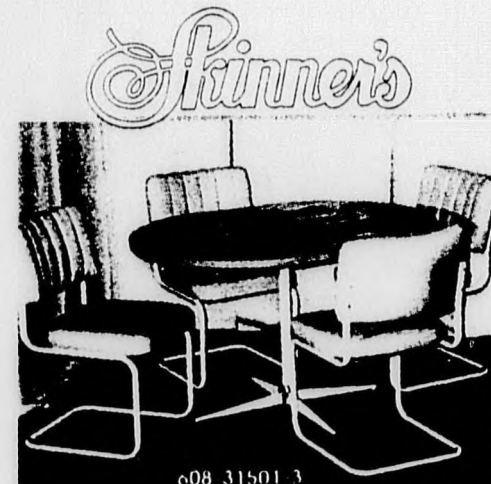
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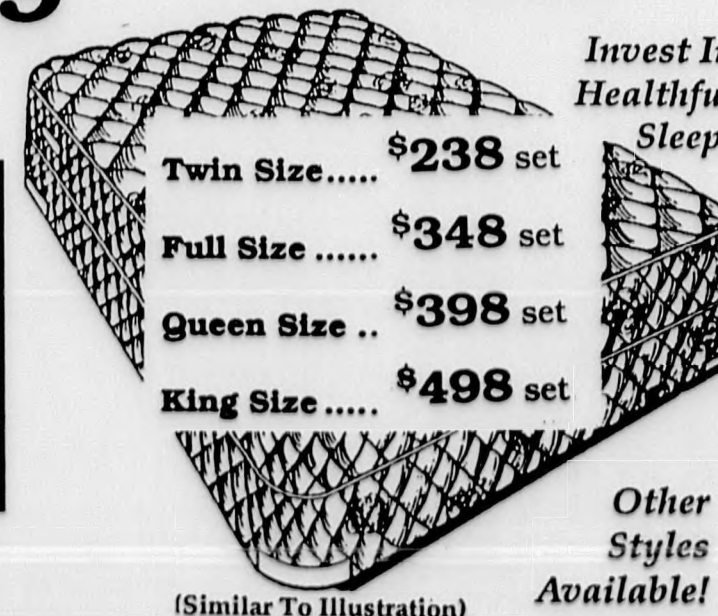
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## Commission gives Coffee County BOE go ahead on special tax renewal election

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

Once again, a special election for the purpose of renewing the 5 mill property tax for county schools was on the Coffee County Commission's meeting agenda.

In Monday's meeting, Superintendent Clayton Bryant requested that a special election be held on Tuesday, April 13, for the purpose of allowing the people to vote on whether or not to renew the tax.

The commission voted unanimously to allow the referendum to be held on the date requested by the Coffee County Board of Education.

The property tax generates approximately \$225,000 to be used by county schools. Only those property owners outside the corporate city limits of Elba and Enterprise pay the property tax that will be voted on; therefore, only those individuals will be voting on the tax renewal.

The tax has been being collected for the past 20 years. Should the tax be renewed, it will be in place for the next 21 years.

Two weeks ago, the commission by a vote of 4 to 3, gave its approval for the referendum to be held, but later in the meeting, after educators had left, Commissioner Sid Averett asked that the commission reconsider its decision.

The commission rescinded its approval for the referendum when Commissioner Ernest Brooks changed his vote and voted not to allow the special election on April 13. Commissioner Averett made it clear in Monday's meeting that commission members were not against

the tax, as some may have thought after the action taken by the commission two weeks ago.

Averett had hoped that the tax referendum could be voted on along with the courthouse referendum should it be approved by the State Legislature.

The county school board did not want the 5 mill property tax renewal voted on in conjunction with the courthouse question for fear it might fail.

Averett stated that possibly the courthouse referendum is still some time off before it will be held and agreed that the school tax should not be postponed.

Superintendent Bryant left Monday's meeting feeling much better about the situation. He can foresee no problem in having everything ready to go on April 13th.

The school board's task now is in getting the voters to understand that what will be voted on is not a new tax but simply the renewal of one already in place.

A county citizen, Tony Alcorn, addressing the commission told them that "We want education. A courthouse is for people that go in there and may not come out, but education, they go in and they come out for a better job. We need education!"

On a more pleasurable note, Louis Cardinal came before the commission with a proposition which would save the county approximately \$94,000.00.

Cardinal discussed with the commission the possibility of recalling the \$2.5 million jail bonds and reissuing them.

He told commissioners that with the present rate of interest being low-

er than when the bonds were initially issued, the county realized an estimated savings of \$94,000 over the life of the bonds.

After a question and answer exchange between Cardinal and commissioners, commission members told him that they would like to think about his proposal before taking any action on the matter.

Cardinal's firm handled the issuing of the bonds which funded the building of the new county jail in New Brockton.

John Flowers, maintenance supervisor for the county, up-dated the commission on the Department of Human Resources building repair, and the recent inspection of county voting housing.

According to Flowers, the repair of the DHR building should be completed in approximately 2 to 3 weeks.

He reported that the inspection on the rural water projects was now complete and that the final inspection was held last Friday, March 5.

Commissioners were told by Flowers that in a recent inspection of the county's 31 voting places, 23 of them failed. The inspection was performed in conjunction with the Accessibility Act passed by the U.S. Congress.

A brief discussion erupted when Commissioner Averett questioned the necessity of all the present voting houses. He suggested to the commission that some of the voting places be consolidated thus eliminating the expense of up-keep.

Commissioner Wendell Black stated, "Individuals living in rural areas pay just as much tax per dollar as citizens living in the towns."

Voting is the one right they have and easy accessibility is the one thing they need. I'm opposed to closing



VIEW OF HWY. 84 CONSTRUCTION LOOKING EAST FROM REESE AVE.



VIEW OF HWY. 84 CONSTRUCTION AS VIEWED WESTWARD FROM DAVIS ST. CONSTRUCTION TEMPORARILY HALTED...on the rerouting of U. S. Highway 84 through Elba while contractor brings in special equipment to remove "sugar sand" material which is common in Elba.

## Coffee County BOE holds record meeting in length

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

According to those present at the Coffee County School Board of Education's meeting Monday evening, board members conducted their business and adjourned in a record thirty-one minutes.

The Board moved quickly and smoothly through its agenda which consisted of nine items.

During the meeting, Superintendent Clayton Bryant gave the board members some good news. He told them that earlier in the day, the Coffee County Commission gave its approval to hold the referendum on the renewal of the 5 mill special property tax.

The special election will be held on Tuesday, April 13. Bryant told board members that a campaign to educate the voters as to just what the renewal of the tax means to the county's school system will begin in the very near future.

The property tax generates approximately \$225,000.00 to be used in the education of the county's youth.

In personnel matters, the board gave its approval in the hiring of an elementary teacher, a part-time instructional aide and a Chapter 1 aide for the New Brockton Elementary School. Board members were also advised that Coach Terry Weeks had resigned as head basketball coach at Kinross High School. He will become a full-time counselor in the Kinross Elementary School.

Bryant also asked the board's permission to advertise for a replacement for Coach Weeks as basketball coach.

The board members were briefed on planned construction to take place during the summer months at county schools.

Plans call for the renovation of the Zion Chapel Cafeteria which will include a new roof. Bryant noted that the roof will be a pitched roof and not a flat.

The science rooms at Zion Chapel will also be renovated and will be

utilized as a new school library. New science rooms and labs were included in a new facility constructed two years ago at Zion Chapel.

Plans also call for the renovation of the auditorium at the New Brockton High School. Bryant noted that the major expense in this project will be the heating and cooling system.

The total cost of the summer construction projects is estimated to be \$150,000.00.

Approval was given to Bryant to proceed with preparing the plans and

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## Elba City School Board members pay bills & hear mostly good news

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

The Elba City School Board members met Thursday evening, paid the regular bills and heard Superintendent Charles Pearce give them mostly good news for the balance of the meeting.

The construction of the new school park will be officially completed by May 20th, Pearce quoted the contractor as predicting. This will include correction of problems and all landscaping work.

The construction bank accounts will be left with a \$69,671.00 balance to handle unknown problems which may arise and no outstanding

debts after completing the \$14,802,247.00 project. This was made possible by using federal disaster funds to supplement local funds and a bond issue approved by the Alabama Legislature. Also helpful was a special \$300,000 appropriation to the Elba schools Representative Jimmy Holley and Senator Crum Foshee managed to shepherd through the legislature last year.

These funds are in addition to a healthy general fund bank balance which weathered prostration and the many expenses of the 1990 disaster through hard work and a lot of help

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BE A FRIEND...to the Elba Public Library. Mayor Ricky Haywood joins the Elba Library Board in encouraging individual to contribute \$10.00 or more, and become a friend of the Elba Public Library. The contributions will be used to fund projects sponsored by the Library. Mayor Haywood signed up on the day open house was held for the new facility.

## Elba High School one step closer to having alternative school

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

The Elba City Schools are moving closer and closer to establishing an alternative school in the high school. Superintendent Charles Pearce reported to board members last week that the guidelines have been presented to Juvenile Judge Tom Head. Once he completes his review, the plan will be presented to the school board for final approval.

Pearce warned board members it might be necessary to call a special meeting to approve this project.

The alternative school will be housed in an empty room in the high school and will necessitate the hiring of a special teacher. The program is expected to serve an average of 12 students daily.

One time equipment and supplies cost for the project will total an estimated \$6,230, according to a projecting presented to the board. This will include study carrels and chairs for up to 20 students, teacher desk, storage cabinets and modifications to the electrical system allowing connection with the existing PA system.

This program is designed to handle discipline, rather than suspension of the student. Students will spend the entire day in this classroom. Assignments will be kept up through coordination with the classroom teacher and closely supervised by the special "monitor."

The project will keep more children in school and off the streets, Pearce explained. However it will work only if there is cooperation between teachers and the program and secondly if there is a strong person in place as supervisor of the assigned students.

The Elba Police Department received a call on Wednesday, March 3, that a residence located on Hickman Avenue in Elba had been struck by gunfire.

Upon arrival at the residence, police officers discovered that a mobile home belonging to Robert Duncan had been struck by several bullets.

According to several witnesses, numerous shots were heard in the trailer court around 8:30 p.m. The

mobile home is parked in the Little Beaver Trailer Court and reportedly was occupied at the time of the incident.

According to Investigator Patrick Norris of the Elba Police Department, an investigation into the matter led to the apprehension of four (4) juveniles in the case.

The juveniles were picked up on Friday, March 5, and transported to a detention center in Baldwin County.

All the juveniles involved in the incident are from Elba and are being held on charges of discharging a fire-

## HAPPENINGS

**OFF-BROADWAY PLAY.** The Coffee County Arts Alliance is sponsoring the stage production of "Steel Magnolias" on Tuesday, March 16, 1993, in the Elba High School auditorium. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Advanced tickets may be purchased at The Jewel Box in Elba and will also be available at the door on the night of the performance.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING.** The Elba City Council meeting will be held on Thursday (today) immediately following the W&E Board meeting which begins at 5:15 p.m. The meetings will be held in the council chamber at city hall.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK.** Next week, March 15 through March 19, the local library will be celebrating National Library Week. During this week, anyone having an overdue book may return it without having to pay a penalty.

**NEW BROCKTON BAND DAY.** The New Brockton Band Day Spring Festival will be held at the Farm Center Building on Saturday, March 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. For more information call Linda Creel or Angela Hughes at 894-6138 or 894-5596.

## Bomb threat at Southland

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

Shortly after 4:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, the personnel department at Southland Broilers received a bomb threat call.

The chicken processing plant is located on Coffee County Road 114 or old county road 79.

According to Coffee County Sheriff's officials, the caller stated that a bomb was in the plant and was set to explode between 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Units from the sheriff's department initially responded to the call. Later, fire units from the Five Star Volunteer Fire Department, Elba Fire Department, and the New

Brockton Fire Department were called to the scene. A unit from the Elba Rescue Squad was also dispatched to standby at the facility.

The plant was evacuated and personnel began a search of the building and premises in an attempt to locate the explosive device.

Pl. Rucker's Military Police K-9 unit with dogs trained to "sniff explosive materials" assisted in the search.

An all clear was given shortly after 7:00 a.m. when no bomb was found and no explosion occurred.

Plant operation returned to normal.

Assisting in the operation was Coffee County Emergency Management Agency's director, Charles Webb.